

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, the status of the claims is as follows:

Original: 10; 24-26
Currently amended: 1; 3-5; 7-9; 11; 18; 23
Previously presented: 0
Canceled: 2; 6; 12-17; 19-22; 27-30
Withdrawn: 0
New: 0

With entry of this amendment, claims 1; 3-5; 7-11; 18; 23 and 26 are pending.

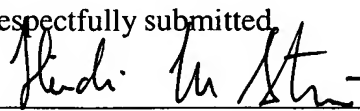
The specification has been amended to contain a reference to the Japanese applications for which benefit of priority is being claimed and to correct minor typographical errors.

The multiple dependencies have been removed from claims 3, 4 and 7. Claim 1 was amended to provide, in the alternative, the method described in claim 2, which was canceled without prejudice to future prosecution. Claim 5 was amended to provide, in the alternative, the method described in claim 6, which was canceled without prejudice to future prosecution. Claims 8, 9, 11 and 23 were amended to more clearly delineate the metes and bounds of the claimed invention. Claim 18 was amended to provide, in the alternative, the method described in claims 19, 20, 21, or 22; claims 19-22 were canceled without prejudice to future prosecution.

No new matter has been introduced by any of the changes to the specification and claims.

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